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Ground-Breaking on Innovative Center for Science Goes Off With a Bang

Cal Poly hosted a ceremonial ground-breaking May 1 for a new \$132 million, state-of-the-art building for science instruction. The ground-breaking for the Center for Science featured symbolic pyrotechnics and participation by students from all of the university's colleges. "This building, which has been a vision of ours for many years, is becoming a reality thanks to an excellent partnership between the State of California, private donors and industry partners," said Cal Poly President Warren Baker.

[More on the Center](#)

STRIDE Event Educates Local Elementary Students on Fruits and Vegetables

Cal Poly students from STRIDE joined the students of Monarch Grove Elementary School in Los Osos last Friday for a "Fresh Farm Tasting" in honor of their Earth Day and Harbor Celebration. The STRIDE students are members of the Health Ambassadors, a class in the Kinesiology Department that actively promotes healthy living at SLO County schools. The Health Ambassadors conducted a fresh produce tasting and taught students about the history and local growing of their food.

[More on STRIDE Program](#)



Women's Water Polo Team Captures Third Straight National Championship

Cal Poly's Women's Water Polo Team defeated the University of Michigan on April 25 to capture a third consecutive National Collegiate Club Championship. Cal Poly entered the tournament as the No. 1 seed and defeated Michigan, the No. 4, by a 6-5 final score.

[More on the Water Polo championship](#)

Cal Poly Society of Civil Engineers Wins National Award for Most Outstanding Chapter

For the second year in a row, the American Society of Civil Engineers deemed Cal Poly the winner of the prestigious ASCE Robert Ridgway Award, given to the most outstanding chapter out of the 280 student groups across the country. "It's a rare feat to win this award two years running," said Gregg Fiegel, Cal Poly Society of Civil Engineers (SCE) faculty adviser. Other

ASCE national awards given to Cal Poly include individual student leadership awards, outstanding faculty adviser award and recognition for community service.

[More on the Cal Poly SCE awards](#)

Faculty and Staff

Retirement Reception for Walter Mark Set for June 2

After 38 years dedicated service, Walter (Wally) Mark will retire from his current position as a faculty member in the Natural Resources Management Department. In addition to teaching, Mark spent 25 years in several administrative positions including academic program planner and director of institutional research; associate dean, College of Agriculture Food and Environmental Science; and Dairy Science department head. A reception in his honor is planned for Wednesday, June 2, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Agricultural Sciences Building, Room 210. Join us in wishing Wally well in his new adventures. For more information, contact NRM at ext. 6-2702.

University Housing's Josh Brimmeier Recognized by the American College Personnel Association

University Housing staff member Josh Brimmeier recently received two national awards from the American College Personnel Association (ACPA) for his professional work with lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender (LGBT) issues. Brimmeier received the Val DuMontier New Professional Award, which recognizes a new professional for significant contributions in the area of LGBT awareness. He also received the Julie B. Elkins Outstanding Service Award which honors a professional for contributions to the ACPA Standing Committee on LGBT issues.

Campus Announcements

Wireless Printing Now Available in Kennedy Library for PolyCard Holders

The Kennedy Library now offers PolyCard holders the ability to print to any PolyCard printer in the library from anywhere on the campus wireless network (Mustang Wireless). Instructions on using this new service for are posted on the [Library's Web site](#).

The Library's newer check-out laptops are also configured for wireless PolyCard printing. For problems or questions about installing the drivers, visit the PolyConnect Lab service desk on the first floor of the Library for help. PolyCard printing is a service operated by ITS to deliver nonprofit printing services to students campuswide. It is also available to Cal Poly faculty and staff with money on their Campus Express account.

Open House at Bella Montana Homes This Saturday

Take advantage of this opportunity to tour available homes for sale at Bella Montana this Saturday, May 8 from 1 to 3 p.m. Floor plans range from 1,068 to more than 1,500 square feet. There are a number of financing options available, as well as tax credits. Stop by unit 499B for a tour map and the addresses of homes open for the tour. For more information and to download an event flyer, visit the [Bella Montana Web site](#).



Two InDesign Workshops Left in the Series

The Graphic Communication Institute is hosting a series of InDesign workshops Saturdays in May. The May 1 workshop offered an introduction to InDesign. This Saturday, participants will learn intermediate InDesign skills. The May 15 workshop covers advanced InDesign work. Professor Lorraine Donegan leads the InDesign workshops and teaches attendees to create sophisticated page layouts, newsletters, brochures and more. The hands-on workshops take place in the Graphic Arts Building, Room 220 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and are \$195 each. Register for the final two workshops today. Space is limited. For workshop details and to register, visit the [GRCI Web site](#) or call Lyndee Sing at ext. 6-2645.

Art and Design Chair Sells Photographs to Benefit the Arts

Just in time for Mother's Day, Sky Bergman, local photographer and chair of Cal Poly's Art and Design Department, is selling her photographs to benefit ARTS Obispo and the Photography Lab in the Art and Design Department. Bergman will sell images she's captured while traveling the world, as well as fine art images. The event takes place Saturday, May 8, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1265 Mill St. in San Luis Obispo. Print prices are: 8 x10 photos for \$15, 11x14 for \$20, 16 x20 for \$30 (fiber prints \$50). Larger sizes are also available. To view Bergman's work, visit her [Web site](#).

College of Business Professor to Give a Talk on Mentoring May 11

Assistant Professor Dawn E. Chandler will give a talk titled "Build & Leverage Your Mentoring Network to Lead a Fulfilling Academic Career" from 11 a.m. to noon May 11 in Erhart Ag, Room 226.

Navigating today's academic environment requires fostering meaningful, high-quality relationships at a time when mentors are in short supply. We will discuss how to build a responsive mentoring network including a wide range of people to meet your learning needs and aid in a successful career. For more information about Chandler, visit her [Web site](#).

Inclusive Excellence Workshops Set for May

The Inclusive Excellence Office, in conjunction with the Provost's Office and The Center for Teaching & Learning (CTL), invites all faculty and staff to attend a two-part workshop series centered on making excellence inclusive at Cal Poly. The series features renowned author and scholar Patricia Marin of the Gevirtz Graduate School of Education at UC Santa Barbara on Thursday, May 13. The series continues Thursday, May 20, with acclaimed speaker and trainer Lauren Nile from CSU Northridge. Both workshops will be held in UU 204 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Marin will give a talk titled "Does Diversity Make a Difference? The Educational Benefits to All Students." She is a researcher and lecturer who studies issues of inclusion and equity in higher education for underrepresented students. In particular, her work examines issues of diversity, affirmative action, and college access.

Before joining the Gevirtz School at UCSB, Marin worked for The Civil Rights Project (CRP) at Harvard University and the American Council on Education (ACE) in Washington, D.C. She is coeditor of three respected books: "Realizing Bakke's Legacy: Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity, and Access to Higher Education," "Higher Education and the Color Line," and "Moving Beyond Gratz and Grutter: The Next Generation of Research."

Nile's workshop is titled, "Inclusive Excellence at Cal Poly: Envisioning Our Campus Climate." Prior to her position as manager of Professional Development at CSU Northridge, Nile worked for 17 years as a keynote speaker and independent consultant and trainer specializing in providing assistance to employers and others in a number of areas including leadership, team building, communication, cultural competence, conflict resolution and Equal Employment Opportunity. She conducted training

for universities, Fortune 500 corporations and government agencies, including members of the White House staff.

Nile will also present a "Train the Trainer" series of workshops this summer for Cal Poly. Attendance on May 20 is not limited to those expecting to become trainers.

Lunch will be provided, and registration is encouraged but not required for these workshops. For more information or to register, e-mail ctl@calpoly.edu or call ext. 6-7002.

Housing Corporation Board Meeting Set for May 14

The Board of Directors of the Cal Poly Housing Corporation (CPHC) will hold its next meeting Friday, May 14 at 9:30 a.m. in the Corporation Administration Building, Room 124. This is a public meeting. A copy of the agenda will be available for public review at the Corporation Administration Building beginning May 7. For more information, contact Ann Roy, Cal Poly Housing Corporation, at ext. 6-1131.

Scholar to Talk on Battery Technology May 18

The Research Scholars in Residence Program will sponsor a presentation by John Dunning on "The Inside Story of the Lithium Ion Battery." The presentation is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, at 7 p.m. in the Kennedy Library, Room 510-B. The event is free and open to the public.

The lithium ion battery is a key enabling technology for modern electronic devices, such as cell phones and portable computers. The lecture will explore basic design of the battery, compare its performance and discuss the many new applications exploding into the market. Recent work and progress at Cal Poly also will be discussed. Dunning spent 30 years developing advanced batteries and electric/hybrid vehicles for General Motors and now consults with major corporations and the Department of Energy on emerging storage devices.

Passings/In Memoriam

Judith Pinkerton

Staff Emeritis Judith G. Pinkerton passed away April 3 due to complications of Alzheimer's disease. Pinkerton worked in Kennedy Library for more than 40 years and was in charge of cataloging. After retirement, she continued to reside in San Luis Obispo. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be made to the Robert E. Kennedy Library, specifically for library collections. Visit the [Library's Giving Web site](#) to make a donation.

Events

Ethnic Studies to Host Indigenous Chaos This Friday

The Ethnic Studies Department will host Indigenous Chaos at 7 p.m. Friday, May 7, in Philips Hall. Comprising three generations of family, Indigenous Chaos formed in 2000 after years of entertaining audiences with the world-renowned El Teatro Campesino. Indigenous Chaos offers a hard-hitting blend of music, spoken word, political parodies and sketch comedy. From campuses to street corners, the collective can be found delivering a message rooted in the social justice and civil rights movements, past and present. Also sponsored by Modern Languages and Literatures department, the Office of Student Affairs, M.E.X.A., AISA, AISES, Community of Scholars: Gatherings of American Indian and Indigenous Students & Mentors, and the College of Liberal Arts, Doyle Fund & CLA Lottery Funds.

Take it SLO, Fermata Nowhere A Capella Concerts Friday

Take It SLO, Cal Poly's a cappella ensemble, will host two a cappella collaboration concerts Friday, May 7, at 6 p.m and 8:30 p.m. in Room 218 of the Davidson Music Center on campus. Take It SLO will perform with special guest ensemble, Fermata Nowhere. Fermata Nowhere hails from Mt. San Antonio College, a community college in Walnut, Calif. The award-winning, 14-member, all-male a cappella group has performed across the country.

[Details on the concerts](#)

San Luis Obispo Youth Symphony Performs Friday

The four talented ensembles of the San Luis Obispo Youth Symphony -- Preparatory Strings, Symphonic Winds, Academy String Orchestra and Concert Orchestra -- will end their 2009-10 Season with a family-friendly concert of classical favorites. Showtime is 7 p.m. in the Christopher Cohan Center.

[More on Youth Symphony](#)

May 8 'East of Eden' Screening Benefits Foundation for Performing Arts Center

Join us for an evening of film, the old fashioned way -- with an old serial, a classic cartoon and one of the finest films ever made. Return to 1955 with "East of Eden," shown in our magnificent Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$25 (\$10 for students), and all proceeds directly support the Foundation for the Performing Arts Center.

[More on 'Eden' Screening](#)



Students Organize May 10 Pony Tail Drive to Benefit Cancer Patients

Students, faculty and staff, and members of the community are invited to donate their hair to cancer patients at a Pony Tail Drive set for May 10 on campus. Cal Poly's Student Community Services office will host the drive from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the University Union Plaza. People with eight inches or more of hair that they are willing to cut off can get a free cut and style at the event. Stylists from Bluebird Salon in San Luis Obispo will provide cuts and styles.

[More on the Pony Tail Drive](#)

Vocal Arts Master Class With PCPA

Casting Director May 11

Erik Stein, casting director for Pacific Conservatory of the Performing Arts (PCPA), will present a vocal master class at 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, in Room 218 of the Davidson Music Center on campus. During the class, several of the Cal Poly Music Department's leading voice students will perform and be critiqued on their performance. The public is welcome. The free master class is made possible by Cal Poly's Opera Workshop and is sponsored by the Cal Poly Music Department, College of Liberal Arts and Instructionally Related Activities program.

[More on the master class](#)



Job Vacancies

State Employment Opportunities

The official listing of staff and management vacancies is posted at <http://calpolyjobs.org>. To apply, go online and complete the application form. For assistance, call Human Resources at ext. 6-2236.

There are no new job openings at this time.

Faculty Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit the online employment Web site at <http://calpolyjobs.org> to complete an application and apply for any of the positions shown below. Submit all requested application materials as attachments to your online application, unless otherwise specified in the ad.

#102085 - Full-Time Lecturer, BioResource and Agricultural Engineering, BioResource and Agricultural Engineering Department, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences ext. 6-2378. Review begins: June 1, 2010.

#102087 - Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Architectural Engineering, Architectural Engineering Department, College of Architecture and Environmental Engineering ext. 6-6497. Review begins: June 1, 2010.

#102081 - Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Biological Sciences, Biological Sciences Department, College of Science and Mathematics ext. 6-5242. Closes: June 1, 2010.

#102089 - Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Computer Science, Computer Science Department, College of Engineering ext. 6-2824. Review begins: June 1, 2010.

Corporation Employment Opportunities

Cal Poly Corporation is a separate corporation operating in concert with the university to provide a diverse range of services and resources to students, faculty and staff. For an application, visit Human Resources in the Corporation Administration Building, check the Web site at <http://www.calpolycorporation.org> or call ext. 6-1121.

There are no new job openings at this time.

ASI Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit <http://www.asi.calpoly.edu> to complete an application and apply for positions listed below. For more information, contact the ASI Business Office in UU, Room 212 or call ext. 6-5800.

Assistant Coordinator - Information Technology User Support, full-time with benefits, \$47,101.60 per year. Open until filled. Review begins: May 10, 2010

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